Superintendent of Jails

* 131 Q.—Mr. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Sri T. Durairaj is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Q.—Sri T. DURAIRAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Gazetted Officer of the Madras Police Department has been appointed as Superintendent of Jails in the Madras Jail Service; and

(b) if so, the number so appointed and the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Only one officer was appointed as Superintendent in the Madras Jail Service as he was found suitable.

Handicapped persons

* 132—Mr. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Sri L. S. Karayalar is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Q.—Sri L. S. KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of handicapped persons registered in the Employment Exchange for the physically handicapped as on 1st June 1962?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : 145 (one hundred and forty-five).

Fee concessions

* 133 Q.—Sri M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) when the existing income limit of parents for eligibility for fee concessions under rule 92, Madras Educational Rules, was fixed; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to raise the income limit?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The income limits for eligibility for fee concession under rule 92, Madras Educational Rules, were fixed in the year 1948.

(b) It has been decided to enhance the income limit from Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 1,500 per annum for purposes of fee concessions and scholarships in secondary schools with effect from the current academic year.

Sri M. RAJAH IYER : May I point out that the income limit for colleges remains at Rs. 1,500 for the past 14 years and it deserves to be increased?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It may be so, but Government have not decided on increasing the limit over Rs. 1,500.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is there any proposal before the Government to give free education to all children of parents either rich or poor up to the tenth Standard?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I do not want to give it as an assurance. I do not want to raise any hopes but Government would certainly wish to introduce full fee concession to all students in the secondary schools. But it would all depend on our financial position. I do hope it will be possible to do it in the course of two or three years.

Rearing of goats

* 134 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to control the rearing of goats in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact, Sir, that the goats are undoing all that is being done under what is called 'Vana Mahotsavam'?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Not in all places, Sir. It may be in one or two places. (Laughter.)

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Can plants co-exist with goats?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : No, Sir. (Laughter.)

MR. CHAIRMAN : What was the answer?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : No, Sir. (Laughter.)

திரு. கே. ராமதாஸ் : இந்த மாநிலத்தில் ஆட்டுக் கறி உபயோகிக்கிறவர்கள் அதிகமாக இருப்பதால், அதிகமான ஆடுகளை வளர்ப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கத்திடம் திட்டம் ஏதாவது உண்டா?

கனம் திரு. பி. கக்கன் : வளர்ப்பதற்குத் திட்டம் ஒன்றும் இல்லை. ஆங்காங்கு உள்ள விவசாயிகள் அக்கறை எடுத்துக் கொண்டு வளர்க்கவேண்டும்.

திரு. கே. ராமதாஸ் : உற்சாகமாக அவர்கள் அதை மேற்கொள்ளும் வகையில் அரசாங்கம் அவர்களுக்குப் பண உதவி செய்ய ஏற்பாடு உண்டா?

கனம் திரு. பி. கக்கன் : இப்போதிருக்கிற திட்டத்தில் ஒன்றும் கிடையாது.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact, Sir, that the owners of goats do not kill their own goats but they kill other people's property? (Laughter.)

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is a deteriorating question.